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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the official Office Action dated November 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

In the Title begins on page 4 of this paper.

Substitute Specification begins on page 5 of this paper.

Marked-up copy of Substitute Specification begins on page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 17 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 20 of this paper.